

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bronson Tweedy, Chairman
NSCIC Working Group

SUBJECT: Proposed Terms of Reference
for NSCIC Working Group

We concur generally with the draft Terms of Reference handed out at the NSCIC Working Group meeting of 12 April 1972. We do suggest, however, a few changes, which are not of major substantive impact:

A. Change paragraph 2 (Authority) to read:

"The NSCIC Working Group, chaired by a representative of the Director of Central Intelligence, has been formed pursuant to discussion at the initial NSCIC meeting of 3 December 1971."

Reason:

This would establish the authority for formation of the Working Group without attempting to set down precisely who stipulated what at the NSCIC meeting of 3 December 1971. It is my recollection, for example, that it was Henry Kissinger who stipulated that a representative of the DCI should be chairman.

B. In connection with paragraph 3 on membership, we in State do not make a sharp distinction between policy and intelligence interests in providing representation for our principal. Others may be in the same situation. We would prefer that the line "directors of the principal intelligence production organizations" be deleted and that our representation be listed as follows:

Department of State:
Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Representative of the Office of the Under
Secretary of State

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C. Change subparagraph 6h to read:

"h. In the preparation of studies and reports, the Working Group may establish interagency task groups or assign drafting responsibility to a single organization, as determined on the basis of individual problems."

Reason:

This would be a positive statement of the authority of the Working Group to establish task groups, which may frequently be desirable, while preserving its discretion to assign to single organizations in individual cases.

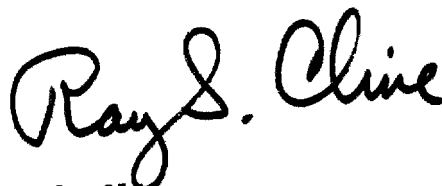
D. Change paragraph 7 to read:

"7. Secretariat

The Chief of the Product Review Group of the DCI/Intelligence Community staff will serve as Executive Secretary and provide support as required by the Working Group."

Reason:

It seems desirable to provide specifically for an Executive Secretary, and also to take into account that considerable staff support is being provided by the individual agencies represented on the Working Group.



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